

Church  
Accruals Accounts  
2019-2020

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**(ACCRUALS BASIS)**  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**

Charity Registration number

1127682

<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Circuit No	<b>5.1</b>
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Minister

REVEREND ANDREW ORTON

Church Stewards

Mrs Ann Polson (till 30.06.2020)

Mr Derek Giles (30.06.2020)

Mrs Sandra Ker

Mr Alan Faulkner

Ms Susan Kelley

Mr Jeremy Pearce

Mrs Cathy Coleman (from 01.07.2020)

Mr Howard Staight (from 01.07.2020)

Church Treasurer

Mrs Christine Burr

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### **1.1 Introduction**

The charitable objects of Solihull Methodist Church are those of the Methodist Church, and include commitment to Christian service through worship, prayer and community involvement, which provides significant public benefit.

### **1.2 The Mission of Solihull Methodist Church**

We understand our purpose as being to make relationships between ourselves and God in a way that has both integrity of mind and reality of experience.

We express this desire in the words, "Linking our Community to Christ".

We believe that Jesus came to set before us a model for living well here on earth and to this end we seek to become followers of him. We aim to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

The Bible is our chief source of guidance and inspiration. We seek to understand its original context and to make applications that have credibility with modern day life and experience.

We are called:

- to open Solihull Methodist Church and Community Centre as a resource for all;
  - to encounter and engage with people beyond our fellowship's margins; and so to make new relationships with individuals, groups and organisations.
  - We aim to create a safe space of warmth and openness in which we can offer hospitality to those coming into Solihull;
  - sensitively offer friendship, a sense of belonging and pastoral care;
  - offer opportunities for worship, prayer and reflection;
  - promote action for social justice and transformation;
- provide opportunities for personal, social and spiritual development.

Form pathways to engagement in Christian community and to faith commitment.

### **1.3 Worship Care and Mission in 2019.20**

In September 2019, the Birmingham Methodist Circuit divided the circuit into five Mission and Ministry Teams. There are 5 Churches in each team including Solihull. The focus is on mission and ministry. These smaller groups mean the Churches can work together to support, encourage and enrich the Church's life.

The Church Life and Mission Group celebrated Christmas this year by encouraging knitters to knit small angels. These were tagged with a Christmas blessing and left in many places in Solihull for people to pick up and take home.

The Team continued to reflect on the way forward for faith and worship in Solihull Methodist Church. The group also worked alongside Churches Together as they prepared to celebrate 800 years of Christianity in Solihull. The events being planned sadly stopped with the pandemic lockdown.

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August 2019 saw the departure of our minister, Rev Ken Howcroft, and the arrival of his successor, Rev Andrew Orton. Our community gathers as a family for teaching and worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30, for a service lasting approximately one hour. Here we combine contemporary worship with the best of our traditional heritage. Sunday morning worship has continued throughout this year despite COVID19 but from March through to the end of August, this was via an online service led by ministers and members of our church.

A creche is available and babies are welcomed into the church with regular baptisms, The children and young people have their young church in the community centre and then return to tell the adults what they have learned. Young church has continued online despite COVID 19.

There are evening services on two Sundays per month. On the first Sunday of each month, this time is devoted to A Quiet Space, a time for reflection and prayer, while on the fourth Sunday a Healing Service takes place, with Holy Communion accompanied by gentle music. This attracts worshippers from other churches.

On the first Sunday of the month, at 9 a.m. and on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. there are services of Holy Communion. This is usually a short, simple service without any hymns or music, which allows those who attend the opportunity to worship God in a more intimate environment.

Prayers for the world continue in the church every Wednesday. All requests for prayers for specific situations and people are considered prayerfully. This has continued using Zoom from March 2020 onward and preparations are being made in September for a safe return to church.

House groups of members of the church meet monthly or fortnightly for fellowship and worshipful study. These have a special benefit to the large number of people living alone. These have continued online during the isolation period.

During the pre-Christmas period we had the chance to explore the Nativity through the medium of painting and drawing. Our trainee minister, Jonny Bell, who is an artist, led members of various churches through making artistic works based on Bible passages. A further project was planned for Lent which included, art, music and poetry but regrettably this had to be cancelled in March 2020 due to lock down.

#### **1.4 Groups run by Solihull Methodist Church**

Our church and community centre are widely used by over 65 regular groups.

Because the premises are in excellent condition and well-maintained there is no lack of people wishing to use them. However, all lettings ceased in March 2020 and the building was locked up until pandemic restrictions were relaxed.

During June a small committee was set up to work on the reopening of the premises for worship and then for user groups. Both restarted in September 2020.

**Pushchair Club** offers play and friendship to a large number of parents, carers and grandparents of preschool children. A morning and afternoon session is run with the help of members of the church making refreshments and chatting to parents. This group has grown and the morning session is often full to capacity.

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**Tuesday Men's Coffee Group** continues to meet weekly. These retired gentlemen enjoy coffee, cake and conversation often debating the big issues in the news. They continued to meet until March 2020 when they resorted to chatting on the phone so that people were still in contact.

**Drop in Coffee** offers refreshments every Wednesday morning to anyone who is passing the Margaret Wharham Room. It provides a source of refreshment and a meeting place for the community including those who have just finished the exercise class in the Community Centre.

**Soup A Talks** has continued to grow, bringing people from all around to have an excellent soup-based lunch followed by a talk from a large variety of speakers. This valuable group offers a good contact place for people living alone and introduces people from the wider community a chance to see what is happening on the premises. Soup A talks meets fortnightly until April when trips out are arranged instead. During 2020, these trips had to be cancelled during the Lockdown.

Monthly **Thursday Recitals** in the church have had a growing audience of around 70 people listening to a variety of different music from organists, choirs, solo singers, guitarists and pianists and young people from Solihull School enjoying the task of entertaining an audience.

**Thursday Café** offers a place for refreshments, games, quizzes and jigsaws to anyone whether living alone, retired or just at a loose end. It gives time for people to chat about their lives and make friendships.

**Badminton** players gather every Thursday evening to keep themselves fit playing badminton. Some are church members, but others come in from elsewhere.

**The Rambling Club** meets once a month to go walking on organised rambles finishing with a lunch in a local eating house.

Our youth group, **ENERG**, enjoys a variety of activities on Friday evenings for any young people not only from our church but their friends and those from other places of worship – team games, sport, creative art, Xbox, lively discussion on teen subjects and trips out.

**Saturday Dads** had for some years offered a monthly chance for Dads to bring their children out for a fine cooked breakfast and play in the church. The importance of just getting together with other chaps was recognised as valuable. Regrettably, this group has now had to close.

**Messy Church**, every last Saturday of the month, continues to offer children a chance to have a play environment based loosely on a Bible Story followed by a very short act of worship pitched at a level that they can enjoy. Their families can enjoy meeting with other parents, and everyone is offered a cooked meal in the community centre hall at the conclusion.

**SMASH, Solihull Methodist Church's drama group** which rehearses twice a week with a large number of people from church and outside. It offers a friendly and creative space for adults and children to perform. They prepared for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat but unfortunately the performance had to be postponed as lockdown started.

**Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies and Rainbows** all meet in the evening in our hall. Since Lockdown they have met on Zoom or outside in local parks.

### **1.5 Groups from the wider community**

From September 2019 through to March 2020, the Church was pleased to offer space for an increasing number of activity groups for people with health problems. These are heavily subsidised by the church as an indication of our care for the more vulnerable of our society. A number of these groups have expressed the desire to return in September 2020.

In 2019 SMC recognised the need to build up a **welcome team** of volunteers to greet people as they come to the Community Centre, particularly on days when the less able groups were meeting. The list below is an indication of the church's care for the whole community.



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### **1.6 Concessionary groups**

**Alzheimers Activity Group:** a new arrival in our Community Centre, is a full-day activity group run weekly by the Alzheimers Association.

**Birmingham Ileostomy Association:** a coffee morning for people with Ileostomies and their carers for mutual support.

**Deaf Feel Good:** this group has grown a great deal and had to be given a larger room. They meet every other week to communicate using British Sign Language

**Focus on Dementia:** Small support group for those with dementia.

**Gentle Exercise:** this exercise class used to be run by the Osteoporosis Society and still has a number of people with this condition and those who cannot take part in strenuous exercises.

**Parkinsons:** a very large group of people who exercise to help their condition. This also serves as a support group during the tea break.

**Singing for the Brain:** people with dementia and their carers meet once a month for singing which is a recognised therapeutic aid for those whose memories are failing.

**Solihull Prostate Support Group:** a monthly meeting for gentlemen with Prostate Cancer. Speakers from various medical departments and a buddy system of support are both a big part of these meetings.

**West Midland Autism:** adults with autism meet once a month as a support group and for various talks on coping with their condition.

### **1.7 Interest Groups**

Before the pandemic, it was clear that there were a growing number of Interest Groups using our premises.

Many of these are linked to the University of the Third Age with sub-groups for recorder players, gardening, craft, book group, memory-training, music appreciation, choral singing, painting, history.

The Embroiderers' Guild and other Textile Groups are frequent visitors.

We have 5 choirs using our premises.

Also Bach to Baby run concerts each month for pre-school children and their parents.

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**1.8 Further service to the community and beyond**

The Church has continued to collect non-perishable food for **Foodbanks**. Many non-church user groups also contribute to this which enables us to donate a large amount of food.

**Camp Joy.** Solihull Methodist Church has a yearly project to raise funds for different organisations. This year it was for Camp Joy in South Africa. One of our previous ministers helps with Camp Joy, and we set to work funding decent facilities for former gang members and drug-abusers to start a new life.

With a programme of concerts, quiz, beetle drive, barn dance, Lent Breakfasts and an awful lot of cake, over £10,000 was raised to help. Both Church and Community enjoyed the challenge of this very successful project.

**Pastoral visiting** has continued with our large team of visitors going to see a number of people each month to look after their welfare. This was heightened as COVID19 isolated people and they have worked overtime to make sure that no-one was feeling totally alone. They have also assisted with helping their friends to judge the safety of their return to society and church.

**1.9 Plans for 2020/21**

It is very hard to make plans at this time. The pandemic has made reaching out to people a more difficult business but Solihull Methodist church has learnt from the experience.

Ways are being sought to use the internet to bring further people closer to God. It is recognised that many people cannot get to church on a Sunday, so online contact may be a way forward. A prayer for the day, a piece of music, a verse from the Bible. These are all being explored.

A generous bequest from a deceased member of our congregation will enable the Church to seek further ways to extend its mission to the world and the community around it.

A **technology group** was set up to look at our website, how we use Facebook to help the Community and advertise what is going on with Solihull Methodist Church. The use of online services during the months from March has been wonderful and kept us all in touch with our faith and members of our church. Ways are being sought to continue this, even when the world becomes a safer place. Professional help is being sought

A decision on the annual **church project** has been postponed until it becomes safer and possible to organise fund raising activities.

The **Christmas card money** which is collected each year and usually goes to the Church project will be given to the Sweet Project, supporting families in need in Birmingham. This is the same project to which we send any toys etc donated at our annual Toy service at the beginning of December.

Above all, Solihull Methodist Church will be seeking ways to help people return to normal life after the pandemic. It is now a COVID secure premises and can be used for meetings which will help the community to return to the way things were in 2019. Members will also try to help those whose lives have been badly affected through the lockdown, including those who have been made redundant, or have struggled with bereavement and poor health.

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**2.1 Basis of preparation and legal framework**

Solihull Methodist Church is a church within the Methodist Connexion in Great Britain and these Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with the constitution, practice and discipline of that Church. Solihull's Methodist Church's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102:

Registration Charity Number : **1127682**

Date of registration : **January 2009**

Main communication address : **Solihull Methodist Church, Blossomfield Road,  
Solihull, B91 1LG**

The members of the Solihull Methodist Church Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up, in accordance with Standing Order 610 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the General Church Meeting.

A Full list of Church Council members (i.e. Managing Trustees) is shown in Appendix A

**Treasurer:** Mrs Christine Burr

Christine Burr acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

**Auditors:** Wallace Crooke, Wallace House, 20 Birmingham Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 2LT

**Investment Bankers :** Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

**Funds are Held at :-** HSBC, CAF, & Central Finance Board of The Methodist Church

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**2.2 Aims and Purposes**

The charitable objectives of Solihull Methodist Church are in accordance with the Purposes of the Methodist Church of Great Britain as set out in Section 4 of the Methodist Church Act 1976. That section states that:-

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church"

The aims and calling of Solihull Methodist Church are in line with the Methodist Church of Great Britain which are:

1. Worship – to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
2. Learning and Caring – to help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care;
3. Service – to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice; and
4. Evangelism – to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Within those aims and purposes, Solihull Methodist Church sees its overall objective as being "Linking our Community to Christ" and making all those who use its premises "Feel at Home".

**2.3 Public Benefit**

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

At Solihull Methodist Church, we seek to provide public benefit in the ways mentioned in section 2.2 above by building relationships with all members of our community. That includes those who worship with us regularly; those who make use of our premises; those who commute past our grounds; and those who live in the neighbourhood.

**2.4 Structure, Governance and Management**

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Model Trusts; and the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) published by order of the annual conference.

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team, consisting of Stewards and other officers along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed ex officio in accordance with Standing Order 610 of CPD, or at the annual General Church Meeting.

**2.5 Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Church of Great Britain to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees when they are asked to complete the declaration of eligibility for newly appointed trustees and at meetings.

**2.6 Related Parties**

The Church is part of the Birmingham Circuit which is part of the Birmingham District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisations linked to this church are :-

1. SMASH(Solihull Methodist Acting & Singing in Harmony) 2. Pushchair Club, 3.Soupa Talks, 4. Badminton Club, 5. ENRG (Youth Club), 6.Mens Coffee Club, 7.Contact Choir. 8.JMA (Junior Mission for All)

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**2.7 Income trends**

The Church income is primarily drawn from the giving of the congregation in weekly offerings in the context of worship and by regular bank standing orders. However since March we have had no services so no cash collections. Fortunately the standing orders have been maintained and people who give weekly by envelopes have been encouraged to change to standing orders or to give cheques periodically. Our external lettings (the other major source of income) have also been reduced since March as our buildings have been closed. This was just as we were increasing our monthly income due to the hard work of the lettings team with details of available space on social media and the Church's website. We have tentatively opened our premises from September but we are struggling as the restrictions keep changing. The car park licence was suspended for 3 months because of Covid and then only 10 (was 15) spaces were used from August so that income source has also been reduced.

**2.8 Expenditure trends**

The major item of expenditure is in relation to the assessment paid to the Birmingham Circuit. £127,300 was paid in 2019/20 and represents 55% of our total expenditure. The Trustees decided in February 2020 not to increase our assessment for 2020/21 in light of our budgeted deficit, which is even bigger in light of the COVID crisis

A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers and family, community and youth workers within the Circuit.

26% (£54,904) of the church's expenditure relates to property expenses i.e. Heating, lighting, water, insurance, maintenance of grounds, pianos and organ as well as other repairs and renewals to keep the buildings in good repair. In 2019/20 over £20,000 was spent on essential external fabric repairs and maintenance recommended in the quinquennial report. Property expenditure in previous year's has been more than covered by the total lettings including car park and contributions from church internal organisations enabling the premises to be kept in good order. This is worrying as in 2019/20 only 70% of property expenditure was covered and it will continue to decrease as the Covid crisis continues into 2020/21. Attempts have been made to reduce running costs and cleaning contracts were cancelled initially and then restarted, but much reduced, as worship and lettings commenced very tentatively in September 2020.

Other Church expenditure is used firstly to provide and communicate, within the community, the Christian teaching and worship of the Church, and secondly to maintaining of an office with all the related costs. Although a budget for 2020/21 was agreed in February 2020 with only a £550 deficit this has been made obsolete by the Covid Crisis. Although difficult to predict both income and expenditure for the foreseeable future a proposed revised budget was brought to the October Church Council with a predicted deficit of £34,700 leaving reserves at 31.08.21 at £41,420 which represents just under 2.5 months of expenditure. It is unsustainable to be spending more than is received and the trustees discussed ways to fund the deficit. The first call on all Methodist Churches' reserves is to pay their circuit assessment and so some hard decisions will have to be made.

**2.9 Model Trust Legacy**

In July 2020 the Church was fortunate to receive a Model Trust Legacy of £247,678 from one of our former members. This is classed with the General Fund as unrestricted funds. The Legacy is being held with the TMCP (Trustees of Methodist Church Purposes) but Solihull Methodist Church trustees are the managers of the money. Given the short timescale and limitations on meetings posed by Covid 19 it has not been possible to formulate detailed plans on how to use the money. However it is the wish of the trustees not to use this legacy to support the general running of the Church except in exceptional circumstances. A small group, who will report to the Church Council, has been set up to manage the fund and be a conduit for ideas from the church members on how to spend the legacy.



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**2.9 Fund balances including Reserves Policy contd.**

The church has substantial property and believes that it is prudent to maintain between 3 and 5 months reserves in its **General unrestricted fund** to provide both normal, planned and reactive maintenance costs, in addition to paying the circuit assessment which according to CPD (Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church) is the first call on our reserves. As at 31 August 2020 General fund reserves were £76,120 giving 4.39 months' cover for expenditure. In 2019/20 the deficit was £12,788 against a budgeted deficit of £4,950. This size of deficit is not sustainable and is set to increase substantially in 2020/21 and on the proposed revised budget for 2020/21 the deficit could be approaching £35,000. We are in unprecedented times and the future is uncertain but hard decisions have to be made in 2020/21 to get the church to balance their income and expenditure and not use their reserves for running costs.

The above calculations do not include the **Model Legacy Unrestricted Fund** (£247,998) which is classed as unrestricted funds and more details can be seen in section 2.9 above

**Designated funds** (Balance at 31.08.20 of £35,938) relates to

1. Youth & Children's work £2,272
2. Property reserve £5,210
3. Gifts with a wish for energy conservation projects but no binding obligation £5,534
4. Gifts with a wish for young people's work but no binding obligation £6,706
5. Gifts with no binding obligations £16,216

Details are given in Note 14 of these accounts.

**Restricted funds** (Balance at 31.08.20 of £31,666) relate to gifts/legacies and other monies that are only used within the terms attached to them.

£10,832 of the £21,680 restricted funds at 31.08.19 is held in the 2018/19 Church Project Fund which raised money to help a Syrian family start a new life in the UK. It is hoped that the £10,832 fund will be given to a charity bringing Syrian families to the UK in the next few months.

£2,068 of the restricted funds is held in the Benevolent Fund which receives donations from the retiring collection after communion services and the Church is able to react immediately to local and worldwide emergency appeals after natural disasters etc.

Other restricted funds relate to monies held for various Church groups and these are released as and when requested by those organisations

£17,209 represents the balances held by the Internal organisations linked to the Church.

Details are given in Note 14 of these accounts.

**The Endowment fund**

(Balance at 31.08.20 of £6,295) is restricted. The accumulated interest (£1,027 at 31.08.20) is restricted to fund children's and youth work. The capital has been invested in a Corporate bond through TMCP. The valuation at 31.08.20 was £5,265 with a balance of £4 held by TMCP.

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**Risk Management**

The major risks have been identified and the trustees have appointed a Health & Safety officer who sits on the Church Council and regularly reviews all aspects of risk management and reports to the Trustees. Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget twice a year to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves. A biannual financial review is undertaken to help minimise risks in the income and expenditure processes.

**Safeguarding**

*Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm'*

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- the selection and training of all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- the response, without delay, to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seeking to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- challenging any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- offering pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

**In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice**

Solihull Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice within our Church premises.

Solihull Methodist Church commits itself through its safeguarding officer and team to the provision of support, advice and training for all volunteers, lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

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**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £	Total 2018-19 £
<b>Income</b>							
1 Weekly Collections & Standing orders		112,842				112,842	113,585
2 Gift aid including GASDS		27,736		1,511		29,247	29,932
3 Donations		1,510	550			2,060	2,917
4 Legacies		247,678	15,734			263,412	10,000
5 Interest and investment income	2,2a	1,025			59	1,084	772
6 Internal organisations				28,558		28,558	32,704
7 Other charitable income-collections, donations & charity fundraising activities	3,3a	1,816	429	16,724		18,969	37,782
8 Income from use of premises	4,4a	39,882				39,882	52,488
9 Other Income	5,5a	735				735	1,501
10 <b>Total income</b>		<b>433,224</b>	<b>16,713</b>	<b>46,793</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>496,789</b>	<b>281,681</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
11 Circuit assessment or share		127,300				127,300	123,600
12 Salaries, N.I. & Pension Costs	9	14,780				14,780	17,274
13 Donations to Methodist connexional Funds and other Charities		150		14,320		14,470	14,810
14 Property repairs and maintenance		43,712	4,466			48,178	39,046
15 Insurance, utilities etc		11,192				11,192	11,976
16 Depreciation		4,400				4,400	4,396
17 Office expenses including advertising, marketing & legal requirements eg copyright licence & audit	7,12	8,743		216		8,959	10,553
18 Other expenditure-including Christian teaching, worship, activities and fund raising costs		1,989	791	3,021		5,801	12,280
19 Internal organisations				19,250		19,250	32,229
20 <b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>212,266</b>	<b>5,257</b>	<b>36,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>254,330</b>	<b>266,164</b>
21 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					63	63	300
22 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0	0
23 <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>220,958</b>	<b>11,456</b>	<b>9,986</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>242,522</b>	<b>15,817</b>
24 Transfers between funds		9,852	-9,852			0	0
25 Other gains/(losses)						0	0
26 <b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>230,810</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>9,986</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>242,522</b>	<b>15,817</b>
27 Total funds brought forward		4,308,508	34,334	21,680	6,173	4,370,695	4,354,878
28 <b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>4,539,318</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>4,613,217</b>	<b>4,370,695</b>

**For information only** Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year  
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations  
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations  
Balance carried forward

2020	2019
100	-
1,095	4,111
1,195	4,011
0	100

# SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes to  
the  
accounts

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020	Totals 2019
£	£	£	£	£	£

### Fixed Assets

Church buildings & Equipment	10	4,215,200			4,215,200	4,219,600
Investment properties					0	0
Investments	11			5,265	5,265	5,201
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>4,215,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,220,465</b>	<b>4,224,801</b>

### Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	13	38,792		22	38,814	43,374
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes-(TMCP)-Model Trust		247,998			247,998	
TMCP				4	4	4
Central Finance Board Deposits	13	31,061	35,938	14,435	82,460	95,784
Cash at Bank and in hand	13	10,222			10,222	4,676
- Other- Internal Organisations	13			17,209	17,209	7,901
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>328,073</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>396,707</b>	<b>151,739</b>

### Current liabilities

Creditors & accruals (due in under 1 year)	14	3,955			3,955	5,845
Grants payable within 2017-18					0	0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>3,955</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>5,845</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>324,118</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>392,752</b>	<b>145,894</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>4,539,318</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>4,613,217</b>	<b>4,370,695</b>
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<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>							
Grants payable after 2017-18					0	0	0
Loans to the Church					0	0	0
					0	0	0
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>4,539,318</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>4,613,217</b>	<b>4,370,695</b>

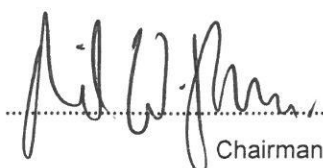
### Funds of the Church

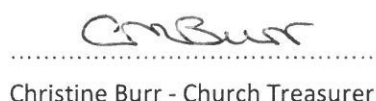
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Funds of the Church		14					
General Fund (Unrestricted)		4,539,318				4,539,318	4,308,508
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			35,938			35,938	34,334
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>4,575,256</b>	<b>4,342,842</b>
Restricted Funds				31,666		31,666	21,680
Endowment Funds					6,295	6,295	6,173
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>4,539,318</b>	<b>35,938</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>4,613,217</b>	<b>4,370,695</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Church Council on 09/02/2021

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

  
Chairman

  
Christine Burr - Church Treasurer

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20**

**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

Solihull Methodist Church is a Charity registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 7 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of this report

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Expenditure**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

**Grants**

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

**VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**Tangible fixed assets**

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes are the custodian trustees for the Church land and premises which is a Model Trust property and they hold the freehold title. Solihull Methodist Trustees are the managing trustees of the buildings and as such they are in the financial statements.

The Church, Church Hall and their contents are shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on these assets because the trustees consider the current residual fair values to be not less than their current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The assets have been reviewed for impairment.

In 2018/19 a lift was installed and the total cost of this was capitalised and will be depreciated over 10 years. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

**Investment Properties**

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

**Debtors and Creditors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Funds**

The funds held constitute: Unrestricted Funds comprising of a General Funds held for any purpose of the Church and a Model Trust Legacy held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP); Designated Funds which are unrestricted funds set aside for a future purpose or reserve e.g. Property reserve which is any unspent budget transferred to the next year's property budget. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment Fund as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any of the funds may be represented by more than just cash.



**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20

<b>2. Interest &amp; Investment Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
Central Finance Board	698				698
Bank Account CAF Cash A/c	7				7
Dividends -TMCP-Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes- Corporate Bond				59	59
TMCP - Interest on Model Trust Legacy	320				320
	1,025	0	0	59	1,084
<b>2a. Interest &amp; Investment Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
Central Finance Board	659				659
Bank Account CAF Cash A/c	9				9
Dividends -TMCP-Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes- Corporate Bond				104	104
	668	0	0	104	772
<b>3. Other Charitable Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other collections , donations & charity fundraising activities	1,816	429	16,724		18,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,969</b>
<b>3a. Other Charitable Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other collections , donations & charity fundraising activities	2,830	575	20,377		23,782
Grants received			14,000		14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>34,377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,782</b>
<b>4. Income from use of Premises</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
External lettings of Church & Church Hall	25,407				25,407
Car Park licence	6,722				6,722
Contributions from Church Organisations	6,525				6,525
Donations for Car Park discs from members	1,228				1,228
	39,882				39,882
<b>4a. Income from use of Premises</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
External lettings of Church & Church Hall	36,781				36,781
Car Park licence	6,250				6,250
Contributions from Church Organisations	8,213				8,213
Donations for Car Park discs from members	1,244				1,244
	52,488				52,488
<b>5. Other Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
Sponsorship of Church magazine	560				560
Money received from Car Parking Solutions for restricting parking	175				175
Miscellaneous receipts	0				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>735</b>
<b>5a. Other Income</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£		£	£	£
Sponsorship of Church magazine	250				250
Money received from Car Parking Solutions for restricting parking	125				125
Provision for Signage from Comm.budget to Prop.reserve		1,000			1,000
Miscellaneous receipts	126				126
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>1,000</b>			<b>1,501</b>

# SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20

## 7. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year  
2020

Last year  
2019

£	2,600	2,160
£		

## 8. Payment to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting

Names of trustees remunerated for other services:

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

There were no trustees who were paid expenses

Total amount paid

£		
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£		
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## 9. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

Employer's National Insurance costs

Pension costs

Salary admin.costs- Apprentice Levy & Payroll administration costs

Total staff costs

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

£	13,523	16,010
£	442	422
£	713	694
	102	148
£	14,780	17,274
	1	2

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (£70,000) upwards.

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20

**10. Tangible Fixed Assets**  
**(General Fund Unrestricted)**

	Church (non investment) land and buildings	Other non investment land and buildings	Investment properties (land and buildings)	Other fixed assets including pipe organ	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	3,718,996			415,000	90,000		4,223,996
Additions							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	3,718,996			415,000	90,000		4,223,996

**Accumulated depreciation**

Balance brought forward	4,396						4,396
Depreciation charge for year	4,400						4,400
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	8,796						8,796

**Net book value**

Brought forward	3,714,600	-	-	415,000	90,000	-	4,219,600
Carried forward	3,710,200	-	-	415,000	90,000	-	4,215,200

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20**

**11. Investments**

investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

**Analysis of investment movements**

The investment is a Corporate Bond purchased through TMCP in the year 2014/15 . It is within the Lambert Trust which is the only endowment fund that the Church has

**Change in investment values**

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5201
<b>Add:</b> additions to investments at cost	<b>64</b>
<b>Less:</b> disposals at carrying value	
<b>Net gain/-loss on revaluation</b>	
Carrying (market) value at end of year	5265

**12. Leasing Commitments**

A 5 year lease was taken out on a Ricoh phocopier/scanner commencing 01/12/2018

Committed to be paid:

	2020	2019
Expiring within 1 year	468	468
Between 2 and 5 years	1053	1521
	<b>1521</b>	<b>1989</b>

During the year 2019/20 £468 was expensed through the SoFA in relation to operating leases

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20**

**13. Analysis of current assets**

	This year 2020	Last year 2019
	£	£
<b><u>Debtors and prepayments</u></b>		
Pre paid assessments	31,825	31,825
Prepayments on insurance etc	2,704	4,264
Other debtors	4,263	7,285
<b>Total debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>38,792</b>	<b>43,374</b>
<b><u>Analysis of cash at bank</u></b>		
Bank balance held in HSBC	644	1,072
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	9,578	3,604
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>4,676</b>

<b><u>Internal Organisations</u></b>	<b>Opening balance 01/09/19</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Net Receipts/ Payments</b>	<b>Closing balances 31/08/20</b>
SMASH	3,709	17,777	9,337	8,440	12,149
Pushchair Club	2,491	2,755	2,652	103	2,594
Soupa Talks	1,187	4,346	3,995	351	1,538
Badminton	64	703	700	3	67
ENRG (Youth Club)	73	95	66	29	102
Men's Coffee	35	1,274	1,277	-3	32
Contact Choir	337	1,050	665	385	722
Junior Mission for All (JMA)	5	558	558		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,901</b>	<b>28,558</b>	<b>19,250</b>	<b>9,308</b>	<b>17,209</b>
		Total Receipts	Total Payments		

**14. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors**

	This year 2020	Last year 2019
	£	£
Trade Creditors	807	2774
Accruals	3148	3071
	<b>3,955</b>	<b>5,845</b>



# SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20

## 15. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements 2019/20

### Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
General	4,308,508	433,224	212,266	9,852		4,539,318	The main fund for the running and maintaining a place of worship and fellowship within the community. In July 2020 the Church received a Model Trust legacy (held at TMCP) of £247,678 which is also classed as unrestricted Funds
Totals	4,308,508	433,224	212,266	9,852		4,539,318	

### Designated Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
Youth & Children's Ministry	2,066	206				2,272	For Youth & Children's work. In 2019/20 Fund raising took place to support children going to Spring Harvest which was cancelled in March
Byles Legacy	10,000		4,466			5,534	No binding obligation on legacy but a wish that it be used for energy conservation. In 2019/20 the Church roof was insulated ,
A. Carrington Gift		5,000				5,000	No binding obligation on Gift
F. Edwards Gift		4,733				4,733	No binding obligation on Gift
S. Bailey Gift		6,000	250			5,750	No binding obligation on Gift. In 2019/20 a book rest for Communion Table was commissioned.
Mullineux Legacy	7,206		500			6,706	No binding obligation on legacy but a wish that it be used for Children and youth. In 2019/20 £500 was used to help Junior Church continue during lockdown
Oven /Hob Fund		773	40			733	Fund started to replace oven and hob in the Community Hall Kitchen
Property Reserve Fund	15,062			-9,852		5,210	Unspent property budget c/fwd to next year. Transfer of reserves in 2019/20
Totals	34,334	16,712	5,256	-9,852		35,938	

### Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
Church Internal Organisations	7,901	28,558	19,250			17,209	Social, Learning & Devotional Groups within the Church. Detailed breakdown Note 13
Fellowship Lunch & Catering Fund	570	576	1,057			89	Sunday Lunches for elderly & Lonely & Catering at Church events such as Church lunches etc
Green Church Fund	73	562	200			435	Promoting a greener Church & Community
Junior Mission for All		86	86				Overseas mission support
Benevolence Fund	2,044	3,058	3,034			2,068	To respond to appeals/emergencies/natural disasters for help both local & international
Drop-in Coffee Fund	162	128				290	Weekly drop-in Coffee bar
Church Project Fund 2018/19	10,832					10,832	It is hopeful that in 2020/21 the money raised will go to a project to resettle a Syrian family in Birmingham after original project was cancelled
Church Project Fund 2019/20	98	11,939	13,007	1,712		742	Fundraising for Camp Joy -gangster and drug abuser rehabilitation centre in Cape Town, South Africa
Church Christmas Card Donations		1,885	173	-1,712			Donations received for entry in Church Christmas card and money raised given to the Church Project
Totals	21,680	46,793	36,807			31,666	

### Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance	Fund Purpose
Lambert Youth Bequest	6,173	59			63	6,295	Youth work
Totals	6,173	59			63	6,295	

### Reasons for transfer between funds

The transfers are between the different classes of funds and balance each other out in total.

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31/08/20**

**16. Related party transactions**

**2019/20**

	Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year £	Payments to related party during the year £	Loans to / (from) related party during the year £	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2016 £
from General fund	<b>Birmingham Methodist Circuit</b>	One of the churches within the Birmingham Circuit	Annual Donation/ Assessment		<u>127,300</u>		
fr. Restricted fund	JMA (Junior Mission for All)	Part of Methodist Connexion	Gift aid collected on donations.		<u>86</u>		
	<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>127,386</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2018/19**

	Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year £	Payments to related party during the year £	Loans to / (from) related party during the year £	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2015 £
from General fund	<b>Birmingham Circuit</b>	One of the churches within the Birmingham Circuit	Annual Donation/ Assessment		<u>123,600</u>		
from General fund	<b>Connexional Funds</b>						
	Mission in Britain Fund	Part of Methodist Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	World Mission Fund	Part of Methodist Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Part of Methodist Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	Church Fund for Property	Part of Methodist Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
	Methodist Church Fund for Training	Part of Methodist Connexion	Annual Donation		870		
					<u>4,350</u>		
fr. Restricted fund	JMA (Junior Mission for All)	Part of Methodist Connexion	Gift aid collected on donations.		<u>109</u>		
	<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>128,059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**Appendix A**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

**MINISTER(S)** Rev Andrew Orton (Also Superintendents of Circuit - Revs. A. Richards, N Johnson, N.Jones)

**COMMUNITY WORKER** Mrs Diane Webb

**CHURCH STEWARDS**  
Mrs Ann Polson (till 30.06.2020)  
Mr Derek Giles (till 30.06.2020)  
Mrs Sandra Ker  
Mr Alan Faulkner  
Ms Susan Kelley  
Mr Jeremy Pearce  
Mrs Catherine Coleman (from 01.07.2020)  
Mr N. Howard Staight (from 01.07.2020)

**SENIOR OFFICERS**

**CHURCH TREASURER** Mrs Christine Burr

**COUNCIL SECRETARY** Mrs Helen Banks

**SECRETARY OF  
PASTORAL COMMITTEE** Mrs Christine Cooke

**OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES**

Mrs Jennifer Kitson (Church Safeguarding Officer)  
Rev. Christine Giles (Pastoral Co-ordinator)  
Mrs Margery Benson (Pastoral Committee Representative)  
Mr Stuart Aldridge (Ways & Means Committee representative)  
Mr Christopher Tucker (Ways & Means Committee Officer)  
Mr Jonathan Tuckey (Property Committee Officer)  
Mrs Alison Faulkner (Property Committee Representative)  
Mrs Jane Garnett (Young Families Representative)  
Mrs Judy Lingard (Communications Committee representative)  
Mrs Pamela Beattie (Catering Committee representative)  
Mr Richard Balmer (Greener Church Group Representative )  
Mrs Judith Farndon (Other Interests Representative )  
Mrs Marjorie Roper (Churches together in Solihull)

**REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**


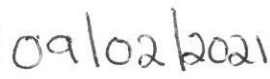
Dr Susan Balmer	Mrs Abi Godfree
Mrs Fiona Beadle	Mrs Susan Bates
Mr David Grey	Mr Tim Weatherup
Mr Andrew Hunt	Mrs Ros Hopkins
Mrs Sarah Shinner	Mrs Ann Polson
Mr Richard Burr	Mrs Joy Wadsworth
Miss Jackie Farmer	Mr Derek Giles
Mrs Karen Handford	

**SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**DECLARATIONS**

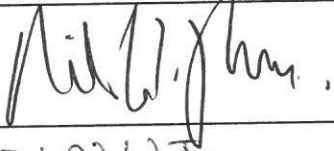
**Treasurer**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer		Date	
Name of Treasurer	Mrs Christine M. Burr		
Address	41 Fowgay Drive, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3PH		

**Presentation to the Church Council for approval.**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, presented to the Church Council at its meeting on and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
Name of the Chair of the meeting	REV. N.W. JOHNSON
Date of meeting	09/02/2021

**Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Statement of Disclosure to the Independent Auditor**

- a) So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the independent examiner is unaware and:
- b) The trustees have taken all steps that ought to have been taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent auditor is aware of that information .

# **SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Solihull Methodist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### **Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



# SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH

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#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

  
**Wallace Crooke**  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
Wallace House  
20 Birmingham Road  
Walsall  
West Midlands WS1 2LT  
Date 09/02/2021

Wallace Crooke is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Trust by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006